



# CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



## PARISH & SHRINE

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium I PreK3-Kindergarten, Ages 3-5**

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#### **Overview:**

The 3-6-year-old child is particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith—the announcement of God’s love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The heart of the catechesis for children under six revolves around the Parable of the Good Shepherd. Jesus announces that he is the Good Shepherd who calls each one by name. The sheep listen to the voice of the Shepherd and follow him.

The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar and then through the most important gestures including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace. Through the experience of seeing these gestures, presented one by one, the Mass emerges as the Sacrament of the Gift. The child becomes acquainted with the historical character of the liturgy through the events of the Last Supper, Christ’s death, and His resurrection.

*- from cgsusa.org*

#### **Important Considerations**

**Google Classroom Code:** [ **yzi6jk2** ] Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com), and enter the code. Here you will find PowerPoints, online resources, and announcements from your Catechists.

**Class Time:** Classes are held in St. Dunstan (Ia) and St. Etheldreda (Ib) classrooms in Seton Hall on Sundays during the academic year, from 9:30-10:30am.

**Makeup Work:** If a student is absent, the family can check the Google Classroom for this course to find information on the Sunday’s activities, and to maintain communication with the catechists regarding any pertinent information.

**Additional Help:** If you have any questions or difficulties with the material of this course, or any questions about the Catholic faith in general please don’t hesitate to ask. We will be available after class, or you can contact the Director of CCD, Mr. Caruthers, at [tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org](mailto:tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org).

*Course Goals:* The child will:

- know that they are a sheep of the Good Shepherd, loved and protected by His great love;
- realize that Jesus gives all of Himself for them;
- recognize that they desire to be part of the Kingdom of God;
- enter into the liturgical life of the Church

*Course Objectives:* The child will be able to:

- know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, fully God, fully man, born in a particular place and time who lived, preached, died and rose for them, His Sheep;
- ponder the Kingdom of God through parables and experience joy in contemplating these scriptures;
- recognize the articles, gestures and prayers of the Holy Mass

*Course Scope & Sequence:* A 3 year cycle of learning:

- Ordinary time/Trinitytide: introduction to life in the atrium and the Church,
- practical life exercises foster self-control, stillness and silence to listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, articles and gestures of the Holy Mass, liturgical seasons;
- Advent and Christmas: geography of the Land of Israel and Infancy Narratives;
- Ordinary time/Epiphanytide: parables of the Kingdom of God lifting up the joy of the Kingdom;
- Lent: the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Cenacle, and the Empty Tomb all proclaim Jesus' great love for his sheep;
- Easter to Pentecost: celebration of the Liturgy of the Light and Baptism as receipt of gifts from God ending the year with a Pentecost celebration.